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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 19, 2002, please amend the
above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 9 with the following rewritten paragraph.

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In a second embodiment, a direct communications link, such as a telephone modem connection, is established by the LIS or the normalization server for the purpose of transferring the output data. Additionally, prior to sending the laboratory instrument output data to the normalization server, the LIS may format the data in a manner to facilitate its processing. alternatively, a graphical interface may be established between the LIS and the normalization server, such as an input screen, to allow the manual entry of the output data over the communications link to the normalization server. In a third embodiment, the output from the laboratory instrument group may be physically sent to the normalization server provider and entered manually via a plurality of data input methods. As would be understood, alternative data

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